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Kyrgyzstan plane crash kills 68

TAKEOFF A passenger jet carrying 90 people, including two Canadians, crashed shortly after takeoff yesterday near the Kyrgyz capital, killing 68, government officials said.

The Boeing 737 was headed to Iran when it crashed near Bishkek's Manas International Airport, said government spokeswoman Roza Daudova. Twenty-two people, including two crew members, survived.

Earlier, Daudova had said there were at least 71 dead and 25 survivors but she later gave lower figures.

Daudova said the people on board the plane included 24 Kyrgyz citizens, 52 Iranians, three Kazakhs, two Canadians, one citizen of Turkey and one Chinese.

Officials said the crash followed the sudden decompression of the jet, which came down in a field near a village.

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Bye-bye Beijing

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Canadian athlete Brent Hayden is carried on a fellow athlete's shoulders yesterday as they enter the Bird's Nest National Stadium for the closing ceremonies at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. More Olympics, p. 12, 14.

China struts stuff on world stage

Enduring set of images from Beijing Olympic Games

After 17 days of spectacle and sport, the Olympic flame was extinguished at the Bird's Nest National Stadium last night.

But will its embers of influence continue to burn?

If there was an enduring set of images, a striking contrast, that emerged from the closing ceremonies, it was the boundless energy of youth bursting forth on the floor, while the stolid faces of Communist Party officials — mostly dour middle-aged men — looked on.

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"The world has learned about China and China has learned about the world," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said yesterday. "I believe this is something that will have positive effects in the long term."

He's probably right.

The power of sport as a vehicle of international influence — primarily Western influence — can't be underestimated.

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Maple Leaf expands meat recall

Canadians are being told to dig through their fridges and freezers for any of the 220 Maple Leaf Foods products the company has recalled after test results linked a plant in north Toronto to a nationwide listeriosis outbreak.

The recall is one of the biggest in Canadian history, federal officials said yesterday.

The full magnitude of the expanded recall became more apparent yesterday as Michael McCain, president and chief executive officer of the 100-year-old company, said the recall will cost the company an estimated $20 million in refunds to consumers and cleaning up and disinfecting the plant.

"We had to take the most conservative approach possible," McCain said, noting the move was precautionary and there's no evidence of listeria contamination beyond the production lines originally under investigation.

After a thorough sanitization effort the plant is expected to reopen tomorrow pending satisfactory results from swab tests.

A full recall product list was to be posted on the company website.

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Body discovered on cycle path
Homicide detectives are investigating after the body of a black male, between 17-20 years old, was found on a bike path behind the Bathurst Jewish Community Centre on Bathurst Street in North York around 11:45 a.m. yesterday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Bike depot open for two more weeks

Riders who believe their bikes may be among the thousands found in storage units around the city have two more weeks to reclaim them. More than 2,300 bikes are available for viewing at 35 Strachan Ave. from noon to 8 p.m. today until Friday. Weekend viewings run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The facility will close on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labour Day. Cyclists have until Sept. 7 to claim their bikes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Teens silent about slaying

Peel police probing gang connection in youth's murder

They called him Jiggz. Fifteen years old with an attitude as big as all outdoors.

And after his slaying on Friday evening in a Mississauga schoolyard, Evan Popoola's legend grows.

On his MySpace page, Popoola used the nickname others had given him, but also the alias T.R.K., which stood for Tru Ridaz Kill.

His creed followed in a tough rappin' style: "Gotta pump for da bitch, machete for da snitch, o my god im caked but cant count it lyke dey stitches!!!"

Machete for da snitch.

Perhaps that's why so few of the teens who were in the schoolyard when he was shot have come forward to tell police what they saw.

"Fifteen-year-olds obviously think a lot different than you and I."
Const. Wayne Patterson

"Fifteen-year-olds obviously think a lot differently than you and I," said Const. Wayne Patterson of Peel Region police.

Police have arrested another 15-year-old boy and charged him with first-degree murder.

The boy was remanded in custody yesterday in Brampton court.

Patterson said homicide detectives are probing a gang connection, but haven't found one yet.

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Now it's Cam time, all the time

A high-profile member of the Ontario Provincial Police force is trading his handcuffs for a microphone.

Sgt. Cam Woolley is retiring from the force and is joining Toronto cable news channel CP24 this fall as a traffic and safety specialist.

Cam Woolley

Woolley has become a fixture in the Ontario news media, well known for his colourful and often witty comments on those who break traffic laws.

He has been on the force for 30 years and has escorted world leaders, the Pope and royalty.

He was also decorated for bravery for his actions in apprehending an escaping bank thief.

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BuskerFest **Trial by fire**

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Crowds cheer fire-eater and skateboarder The Fire Guy as he jumps through a blazing hoop yesterday at BuskerFest in Toronto.

Luxury living still a steal in T.O.

In Toronto, $25 million will get you the priciest condominium in the city. In New York, that's a down payment. In London, forget about it.

In India, they're building a condo worth more than $1 billion. Last week, a house was reportedly sold in France for about $775 million.

The most expensive condo in Canada is the $25-million penthouse at the still-to-be-built One Bloor in Toronto.

"Toronto's luxury condominium market is a bargain compared to other international cities, even though the quality of the product is comparable," says Jeanhy Shim, president of ThinkBUILD Consulting Inc., a real estate consulting firm.

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Five injured in highway crash

EJECTED Five young Toronto-area men were seriously injured when they were thrown from their SUV on Highway 400 near Barrie yesterday in a crash that tied up traffic for hours. The Toyota SUV swerved and rolled, then soared over the top of a steel guardrail in the centre median and landed in the northbound lanes just before noon on Highway 400 in Barrie. OPP Const. Dave Woodford said the SUV may have been cut off by another vehicle just before the crash. All five occupants, men in their late teens and early 20s, were thrown from the vehicle, Woodford said. None was wearing a seatbelt.

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News in brief

SHOOTING A man took a taxi to hospital last night after he was shot in the head while riding in a car in east Toronto. Police received numerous phone calls from witnesses who heard two gunshots about 7 p.m. on Oswego Road near Eglinton Avenue East and McCowan Road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Young swimmer pulls out again

Natalie Lambert was once again forced to abandon her swim across Lake Ontario, pulling out just 17 kilometres from the shoreline at Marilyn Bell Park in Toronto early yesterday. The 14-year-old was suffering from a cold and sore throat, but had decided to attempt the swim. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Online video leads to bike theft suspect

A video depicting a bike theft posted on the Toronto Star's website last weekend has helped Toronto police track down a suspected thief, officers say.

Const. Jamie Hiscox started his workday like many others last Sunday when he sat down to read the Star online.

Front and centre on the Star's website, thestar.com, that morning was a story by feature writer Leslie Scrivener headlined "In search of the unstealable bicycle."

Accompanying the article was video footage taken from the security cameras of an Annex-area condominium on Aug. 4, which followed an unidentified man through the building and into the underground parking garage, where he proceeded to steal a resident's bicycle.

Hiscox recognized the man as the same person he had arrested earlier that week while investigating an attempted theft at another downtown condominium.

The next day, Hiscox passed the tip along to another detective who was investigating the bike theft. The two officers concluded the resemblance was strong enough to press a second set of charges against the suspect.

Hiscox noted the man was still in police custody awaiting a bail hearing.

"There's so many occurrences like these that ... appear to be minor in nature until you link them up," Hiscox said, reflecting on the two cases. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

60-plus charges

- Michael Fellowes, 37, of Toronto faces more than 60 theft-related charges.

Activist shot with pellet gun

CRIME An anti-violence activist attending a rally in the Eglinton Avenue East and Don Mills Road area Saturday was shot with a pellet gun. The victim was loading tables onto his pickup truck outside a community centre on St. Dennis Drive when a shot hit the truck's mirror. Another shot then grazed his left ear. Police determined the shots were fired from the ninth floor of an apartment complex at 31 St. Dennis Dr. But when they arrived, the apartment was vacant except for a cellphone and a laptop. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Patriotic Montreal area man loses fight to show Greek pride

A Quebec superior court ordered soccer fan Theodore Antonopolous last week to remove a Greek flag he painted on his garage door after Greece beat Portugal to win the 2004 Euro Cup. He claims the order infringes on his freedom of expression. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Paying for health care OK

More than one-third of Ontarians said they would consider paying or travelling abroad for faster health treatment, a Toronto Star poll reveals. While 72 per cent of Ontario residents said they have confidence in the system, 43 per cent still said they'd cough up to skip delays. Top issues were shortages of doctors and nurses, and wait times. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

EDMONTON The Alberta government will review safety regulations after a study suggested ATV-related deaths had increased 83 per cent between 2005 and 2006. ATVs have been implicated in a number of deaths across the country this summer, including 12 in Alberta alone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

KINMOUNT Keith Stata, owner of an eccentric movie house in Ontario bear country, says the smell of popcorn attracted the hungry beasts. Now he's decided to coexist with the bears, and now feeds them extra popcorn. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OTTAWA Oil and gas executives will get an earful on Wednesday as a House of Commons committee, carrying the collective frustrations of the nation, will begin a probe on why prices reached record highs in mid-July, and how investment in the commodities market may have affected prices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory's future uncertain

Six months after his leadership review, uncertainty over Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory's political future is swirling within the party.

Conservatives are uneasy about their leader's prospects, complaining that little appears to have been accomplished since Tory achieved a lacklustre 66.9 per cent approval in the Feb. 29 review.

The party's first caucus meeting since June will be held Sept. 10 in Barrie.

"They have to have a plan to show caucus or they're going to start shooting him."

Conservative insiders are warning it will spark the start of "a shooting war" unless Tory can come up with a plan to finally gain a seat in the legislature.

Tory has no riding after losing to Education Minister Kathleen Wynne in the Don Valley West riding.

"There are a lot of unhappy people. They have to have a plan to show caucus or they're going to start shooting him," a former ally predicted.

One MPP noted, "I don't hear the question: 'Where is he running?' (but) 'When is he leaving?'"

Not any time soon, said Tory, who said it was "a sensitive matter" to convince one of his 26 caucus members to vacate his or her seat to trigger a byelection. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Conservatives scuttle plan to replace old ships

OTTAWA The Canadian navy's two vintage supply ships are obsolete, out of spare parts and may not meet today's tough environmental standards — and a replacement plan was in the works to save them.

But the Conservative government announced Friday it will sink the $2.9-billion program for HMCS Preserver and HMCS Protecteur, along with a $340-million proposal to buy 12 mid-shore patrol boats for the Canadian Coast Guard.

A briefing note called the cancellation a "disappointment," while Green Party Leader Elizabeth May said the move was "irresponsible." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kidnapped journalist knew risks, friend says

CALGARY Amanda Lindhout knew her travels through war-torn countries might get her kidnapped.

While friends and family were praying for the 27-year-old Calgary-based freelance journalist who was abducted along with Australian reporter Nigel Brennan outside Mogadishu on Saturday, one friend said they had talked about the possibility eight months ago.

Jeremy Kroeker, who met Lindhout last January, said Lindhout knew well the dangers inherent in her job.

In their two weeks together exploring Syria, Lindhout told Kroeker the reality of being kidnapped was omnipresent, referring to BBC correspondent Alan Johnston, who was held hostage for 114 days.

Amanda Lindhout

She was neither scared nor fearless, Kroeker said. "Undaunted might be the best way to put it; she wasn't naive about it and took calculated risks trying to minimize that possibility."

Kroeker has been scouring the Internet for the latest updates on Lindhout and had a message for her.

"We're remaining strong and optimistic, just as we know you are," he said. "We look forward to seeing you again soon in Calgary." NEIL MACKINNON/METRO CALGARY

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Man in wheelchair shot in Montreal's 14th homicide of 2008
A man in a wheelchair was shot and killed while entering his home in the Cote-des-Neiges district of Montreal Saturday night. The victim's mother and wife, who were both there at the time, were unharmed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper heading North

PM brings funding promises to major election target

Prime Minister Stephen Harper returns to the Arctic this week looking to polish what observers say will be an important plank in a Conservative election platform.

It's his fourth visit in three years and he's got cabinet ministers and spending announcements in tow.

Harper arrives tomorrow in Inuvik, N.W.T., for a three-day visit that will take him from the heart of the Arctic's ever-hopeful energy industry to Tuktoyaktuk on the tip of the Mackenzie Delta to the historic gold rush town of Dawson in the Yukon.

There have been indications from officials that announcements will include one on infrastructure and another that would put "boots on the ground."

N.W.T. Premier Floyd Roland knows what he would like Harper to announce.

"(We want him) to follow through with what I think was a very good term from back in (former prime minister John) Diefenbaker's days — roads to resources," Roland said.

The N.W.T. premier has long campaigned for a highway up the Mackenzie Valley that would link Inuvik and Yellowknife. It's a

"(We want him) to follow through with ... roads to resources."
Floyd Roland

plan originally floated by the Conservative Diefenbaker government in the 1960s for a road to open up the territory's mineral-rich central barrens.

"The corridor down the Mackenzie Valley opens up communities as well as economic opportunities — as well as securing northern sovereignty in our area," said Roland, who will be meeting with Harper during the Inuvik visit.

On the energy front, some will be looking for an announcement on the proposed $16-billion natural gas pipeline that would carry abundant supplies from the Mackenzie Delta to southern markets.

Others are hoping for money for a network of Arctic research centres.

Whatever Harper is bringing with him, it will add to an already long list of promises his government has made for the Arctic, including a military port, a winter warfare school, patrol vessels and a state-of-the-art icebreaker.

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Nunavut battles winds, floods brought by climate change

ENVIRONMENT The wind in Hall Beach, Nunavut, is raging at 120 kilometres per hour, so strong that it has flipped small planes at the local airstrip and sent children home from school.

Days like this demonstrate the community's struggle to adapt to climate change. Hall Beach's shoreline — no longer protected by ice from increasingly extreme weather — is being pounded by waves that now edge within metres of homes.

"It is affecting the way people are living."
Lewis Gidzinski

Elsewhere in town, decaying permafrost has opened leaks in the sewage lagoon. Utility poles lean drunkenly askew. Officials are beginning to wonder if the community may someday have to be relocated.

It's the same story across the territory, says Lewis Gidzinski, who has visited every community in Nunavut to help them assess their needs on behalf of the Nunavut Association of Municipalities.

In Baker Lake, engineers are struggling to maintain structures built on melting permafrost.

Water levels around Chesterfield Inlet have dropped by a metre. Local hunters say the char they catch are injured from swimming over rocks.

Earlier this spring, Pangnirtung was cut in half when run-off from a heat wave washed out the town's bridge.

"It is affecting the way people are living, what they're used to," says Gidzinski.

Hall Beach is the first of Nunavut's 26 communities to complete a climate change adaptation plan; the others are working on their own and the territorial government has promised an overall strategy in October.

The last two years have seen workshops held across Nunavut to discuss potential solutions. A 2006 study estimated that adaptation in the Northwest Territories could cost up to $420 million.

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Obama, Biden slate impacts Canada

VEEPSTAKES Barack Obama's choice of Senator Joe Biden as his running mate could have several implications for Canada. Toby Condliffe, the international vice-chair of Democrats Abroad, predicts Canadians will like their opposition to the war in Iraq, and their "multinational" view of world affairs. But others point out that they could be more protectionist on trade issues, which could spell trouble for exporters.

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News in brief

EDMONTON The RCMP continues a search for a 70-year-old woman who disappeared from a fire tower in northern Alberta 18 years ago. Police are still examining the disappearance of Stephanie Stewart, which they are treating as a homicide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Julio forces 2,500 from their homes in Mexico

Tropical storm Julio forced 2,500 families living at the tip of Mexico's Baja California peninsula to evacuate their homes yesterday. Fears of flash-flooding were possible with 7.5 to 15 cm of rain on the normally parched peninsula. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Florida town under water

Rescue teams are using boats to remove people from 180 homes in the town of DeBary, Fla., which has been submerged under as much as a metre of water by tropical storm Fay. The storm has been blamed for 13 deaths in the United States. Water continued to rise yesterday as four counties were designated disaster areas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dems meet to crown candidate

Convention doubles as celebration, but Obama has Clinton's supporters at his heels

Democrats gather in Denver this week for the party's national convention, which doubles as Barack Obama's coronation as their presidential candidate.

Unlike Canadian political conventions where delegates choose their leader amid tense machinations often resulting in unexpected winners, U.S. political conventions are all about the celebration of the candidate who's already got the nomination in the bag and about showing Americans that the party is ready to make a play for the White House.

Therein lies the rub for Obama and his campaign team this week. If it's not worrisome enough to Democrats that Republican candidate John McCain and Obama are neck-and-neck in public opinion polls, there's the aftermath of Obama's bloody battle against Hillary Clinton for the nomination.

"It's a total diss to Senator Clinton."
Diane Mantouvalos

An estimated 40 per cent of convention delegates were Clinton backers, and many of them feel wounded by what they perceive as a lack of respect paid to her by Obama. They haven't been made any happier by his choice of longtime Senator Joe Biden as his running mate due to Biden's gravitas on international affairs and his attack-dog tendencies, with many pointing out that Clinton possesses both those qualities in spades.

"It's a total diss to Senator Clinton, in my opinion," said Diane Mantouvalos, co-founder of the Just Say No Deal Coalition. "It just speaks volumes about how Barack Obama doesn't stand for anything."

Even McCain is seizing upon the discontent. In a new ad, clips of Clinton accusing Obama of having no policies are shown. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban forces gaining skill and strength

AFGHANISTAN Taliban insurgents once derided as a ragtag rabble have become a force advanced enough to mount massive attacks and claim the lives of western troops at what appears to be a record pace.

The U.S. military suffered its 101st death of the year in Afghanistan last week. The total number of U.S. dead last year, at 111, was a record, and is likely to be surpassed this year.

"The U.S. is now losing the war against the Taliban," Anthony Cordesman, of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in a report Thursday.

Analysts say the blame lies in militant sanctuaries in neighbouring Pakistan. As long as havens where insurgents train, recruit and plot ambushes remain, the Afghan war will continue to sour.

Cordesman called for the U.S. to treat Pakistani territory as a combat zone if Pakistan does not act.

Multi-direction attacks, ambushes and increasingly powerful roadside suicide bombs mean the United States and a 40-country NATO-led force will likely suffer its deadliest year in Afghanistan since the 2001 U.S. invasion.

Some 188 international soldiers have died in Afghanistan this year, including the 101 Americans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News in brief

SPAIN A fire at a nuclear power station in Spain's northeastern province of Tarragona forced its temporary closure, but officials say there is no threat of a radiation leak or environmental danger. The fire broke out in the plant's electricity generation units yesterday.

FRANCE Ten mountain climbers on an expedition up France's Mont Blanc range are missing after an avalanche yesterday. Officials say the slide was set off around 3 a.m. by the fall of a massive block of ice on Mont Blanc du Tacul, a 3,600-metre-high peak. Eight people were taken to hospital.

CRASH Spanair, the airline involved in a crash last Wednesday that killed 154 people, had to land a flight bound for the Canary Islands at an unscheduled stop because of an unspecified technical problem yesterday. The airline stressed that it was not an emergency landing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A train carrying oil products burns after it hit a mine about 10 kilometres east of Gori, Georgia.

Train burns in Georgia

FIRE A train carrying oil products near the Georgian city of Gori hit a mine, setting cars ablaze yesterday, a government official said. Two nearby houses were damaged and windows were blown out, but there were no reports of casualties. A spokesman for the Georgian Interior Ministry blamed Russia for the fire. Russia has pulled most its troops out of the ex-Soviet republic but still maintains positions in and around strategic areas. Georgian officials say Russian forces deliberately damaged infrastructure before the pullback and accused them of blowing up a train bridge last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airfares

VANCOUVER $199
Travel Sep 23-Sep 30/wg + taxes & fees $208

Montego Bay $195
Travel Aug 29-Sep 5/wg + taxes & fees $316

London $199
Travel Sep 29-Oct 3/ts + taxes & fees $448

Paris $249
Travel Oct 21-Oct 29/ts + taxes & fees $395

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Travel Oct 10-Oct 22/ac + taxes & fees $472

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Syncrude sues Greenpeace for Alberta oilsands protests
A Greenpeace Canada spokesperson says Syncrude has filed a $120,000 lawsuit against the organization. Activists planned to block a tailing pond pipe, where 500 ducks died, at Syncrude's Fort McMurray oilsands project last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Business

Hollinger Inc. delisted

Shares of former Conrad Black entity Hollinger Inc. were delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange Friday for failure to meet listing requirements. The company said it was so short of money it decided against filing required annual financial statements.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Back-to-school challenge

Canadian firms face weak U.S. economy

Canadian firms selling "discretionary" products into the United States are expected to face a challenging back-to-school season as American consumers weary of the economic slowdown feel the pinch on their wallets.

Several large U.S. retailers have warned that sales could be muted during the fall shopping spree as consumers focus on necessities and shift to discounters.

Even Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, warned after its July results fell short of Wall Street forecasts that shoppers are increasingly running out of money and sales would slow in August as government stimulus cheques in the United States run out.

Soaring gas and food prices are forcing consumers, who face uncertainty from a housing slump and a weak job market to cut non-essential spending.

"It will continue to be through the holidays a more challenging period for them."
E&Y's Daniel Baer

For Canadian exporters, the high value of the loonie and rising costs from China are also conspiring to make the coming months difficult, says Daniel Baer, head of Ernst & Young's retail and wholesale practice.

"For those who export, it has been and will continue to be through the holiday season a more challenging period for them," he said.

The pain for companies will depend on their products. Those that sell to discount or superstores will fare better than those that sell categories people view as being discretionary, Baer said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Worried firms

Some Canadian companies expecting to feel the U.S. economic slowdown:

- Dorel Inc. says its regulated safety products such as car seats remain a necessity.
- Sock and T-shirt maker Gildan Inc. conceded it may be affected by lower back-to-school spending.
- Toymaker Mega Brands will have a tough challenge selling stationery products and toys.

Business in brief

FEDERAL BUDGET After running a small deficit for the first two months of this fiscal year, the federal government turned red into black in June with a surplus of $1.7 billion. Finance Minister Jim Flaherty revised his GDP growth outlook to 1.1 from 1.7 per cent.

BANK CLOSURE Federal regulators in the United States on Friday shut down Kansas bank Columbian Bank and Trust Co. The bank's $622 million in deposits will be assumed by Missouri-based Citizens Bank and Trust. It was the ninth bank failure this year.

TAKEOVER Calgary-based Precision Drilling Trust has agreed to buy Houston-based drilling company Grey Wolf Inc. for about $2 billion US in cash and stock. It comes after Grey Wolf's planned merger with Basic Energy Services failed last month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Massa claims European Grand Prix

Ferrari's Felipe Massa won the European Grand Prix for his fourth Formula One victory of the season, leading yesterday's race wire-to-wire to finish comfortably ahead of championship leader Lewis Hamilton in second. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Giants' Umenyiora out for year

New York Giants defensive end Osi Umenyiora, left, has ligament damage in his left knee and will miss the season. Umenyiora was hurt in Saturday's pre-season game against the New York Jets. An MRI yesterday found a torn lateral meniscus, Dr. Russell Warren told the team. The two-time Pro Bowl choice will have surgery tomorrow and be sidelined for the season.

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Sports in brief

NFL Washington Redskins defensive end Jason Taylor is expected to be sidelined 10-14 days with a sprained right knee, putting his availability in doubt for Washington's season opener against the New York Giants on Sept. 4.

NFL Philadelphia Eagles safety Brian Dawkins is expected to be ready for the start of the season despite straining his right ankle against New England.

NFL Matt Ryan will be the Atlanta Falcons' starting quarterback this season. The No. 3 overall pick in the 2008 NFL draft was chosen yesterday by first-year Falcons coach Mike Smith.

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Jays lose a nail-biter

Lowrie hits homer in 11th to give Red Sox the victory

Red Sox 6 Blue Jays 5 (11)

A do-or-die series for the Toronto Blue Jays ended yesterday in a bitter, extra-innings defeat.

The 6-5 loss in a game that should have been theirs puts the Jays eight games deep in the wild card hole. Losing two of three to the team they're chasing, the Red Sox, makes the possibility of a September clawback that much more remote.

"It's a tough loss as far as where we're trying to go," manager Cito Gaston said. "But it's a pretty well-played ball game … so I don't have a problem with that."

Playing behind starter A.J. Burnett, who came in on a six-game winning streak, Toronto twice held a lead.

The first one came early, in the first inning, courtesy of a Vernon Wells two-run homer.

In the sixth, Toronto took a 5-4 lead on Rod Barajas' two-out RBI double. But Burnett couldn't hold either advantage.

His biggest lapse occurred in the third. It started with a pair of walks to Boston's eight and ninth hitters, Joey Cora and Coco Crisp.

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Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek, left, congratulates Jed Lowrie after Lowrie's game-winning solo home run during the 11th inning yesterday. The Red Sox beat the Blue Jays 6-5.

"I thought he threw his second best pitch a lot — his curveball. He got himself in trouble," Gaston said.

"A walk's a walk, no matter what pitch you throw," a perturbed Burnett said afterward. The walks were punished two batters later when Dustin Pedroia launched a Burnett pitch over the wall in left field.

As they have lately, Toronto's offence attempted to rescue Burnett. Lyle Overbay homered in the fourth. In the fifth, Wells notched his third RBI of the game with a double as Alex Rios sat on first.

Boston starter Daisuke Matsuzaka got the next two men out. But with Wells on third, Matsuzaka elected to walk Matt Stairs. Rod Barajas responded with a two-out double. Wells scored easily.

Minutes later, Burnett threw a 1-0 pitch to light-hitting Coco Crisp that was taken over the wall, tying the game at 5-5. Burnett stared after it for several long minutes.

With the score still knotted 5-5 in the 10th, the Jays came achingly close to a walk-off win when Jason Bay robbed Rios of extra bases.

That set the stage for Boston in the 11th. Reliever Brandon League made one mistake to Boston's Jed Lowrie, and it had several feet to spare as it cleared the wall in right centre.

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Canada

Clarke wins KLM Open, eyes spot on Ryder Cup team
Darren Clarke claimed his second victory of the season yesterday, shooting a 4-under 66 to win the KLM Open by four strokes. Clarke, who is chasing a wild card spot on Nick Faldo's European Ryder Cup team, finished with a 16-under total of 264. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

BASEBALL Hawaii won the Little League World Series, the fourth straight championship for the United States. Tanner Tokunaga and Iolana Akau homered yesterday to lead the players from Waipahu, Hawaii, in a 12-3 win over Matamoros, Mexico, for the title.

GOLF Cristie Kerr sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole yesterday, defeating Helen Alfredsson and Sophie Gustafson to win the Safeway Classic in Portland, Ore.

NFL Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer broke his nose during Saturday night's pre-season game against the New Orleans Saints, but coach Marvin Lewis said he should be ready for the regular-season opener.

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Singh wins Barclays

Vijay Singh won The Barclays for a record fourth time yesterday, matching Sergio Garcia with a long birdie putt on the first hole of a playoff and finishing off the Spaniard with another birdie on the second extra hole.

The 45-year-old Fijian closed with a 1-under 70 to match Garcia (70) and Kevin Sutherland (68) at 8-under 276 on the sun-baked Ridgewood Country Club course, the first-time site after 41 seasons at Westchester Country Club.

Bright's Grove, Ont., native Mike Weir finished in a tie for seventh place two shots back at 6 under.

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Vijay Singh holds the trophy after winning The Barclays at Ridgewood Country Club yesterday.

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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Tampa Bay	79	50	.612	—
Boston	75	55	.577	4½
N.Y. Yankees	70	60	.538	9½
TORONTO	**67**	**63**	**.515**	**12½**
Baltimore	61	68	.473	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Sox	74	55	.574	—
Minnesota	74	56	.569	½
Detroit	64	66	.492	10½
Cleveland	61	67	.477	12½
Kansas City	56	74	.431	18½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Angels	79	50	.612	—
Texas	63	67	.485	16½
Oakland	59	71	.454	20½
Seattle	48	82	.369	31½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
N.Y. Mets	72	59	.550	—
Philadelphia	70	59	.543	1
Florida	67	64	.511	5
Atlanta	57	74	.435	15
Washington	46	85	.351	26

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago Cubs	80	50	.615	—
Milwaukee	76	55	.580	4½
St. Louis	73	59	.553	8
Houston	66	64	.508	14
Pittsburgh	57	73	.438	23
Cincinnati	57	74	.435	23½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	GB
Arizona	68	62	.523	—
L.A. Dodgers	65	64	.504	2½
Colorado	61	71	.462	8
San Francisco	58	72	.446	10
San Diego	48	82	.369	20

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 6 **TORONTO** 5 (11 ings)
N.Y. Yankees 8 Baltimore 7
Chicago White Sox 6 Tampa Bay 5 (10 ings)
Kansas City 7 Detroit 3
L.A. Angels 5 Minnesota 3
Seattle 8 Oakland 4
Cleveland at Texas

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Houston 6 N.Y. Mets 4 (10 ings)
Milwaukee 4 Pittsburgh 3 (12 ings)
St. Louis 6 Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 6 Washington 1
Colorado 4 Cincinnati 3 (12 ings)
San Francisco 7 San Diego 4
Florida 5 Arizona 2
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia

TONIGHT'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 7:05
Texas at Kansas City, 8:10
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05
Houston at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Arizona at San Diego, 10:05
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Montreal	5	3	0	10
TORONTO	**3**	**5**	**0**	**6**
Hamilton	2	6	0	4
Winnipeg	2	6	0	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	T	PTS
Saskatchewan	6	2	0	12
Calgary	5	3	0	10
Edmonton	5	3	0	10
B.C.	4	4	0	8

WEEK 9

THURSDAY'S RESULT

Edmonton 27 Saskatchewan 10

FRIDAY'S RESULT

Calgary 36 B.C. 29

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Handball

France won the last gold medal of the Beijing Games yesterday, beating Iceland 28-23 in men's team handball to deny the small Nordic country its first ever gold in an Olympic event. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games

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Olympics as memorable as ABCs

From Canadian glory to Chinese domination, Beijing Games one to remember

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Other than a few odd scandals that don't even rank with the political and doping disgraces of yesteryear, the Beijing Olympics were compelling, devoid of debacles and laden with memorable developments.

A look back alphabetically:

A for Adam van Koeverden, a Canadian icon heavily favoured for gold medals in kayaking. He finished an unfathomable eighth in the 1,000-metre event, although a silver in the 500 gave him some redemption.

B for beach volleyball, women's. It's wonderful.

C for China, which distinguished itself as a first-rate host and also won 51 gold medals, 15 more than any other country.

D for Despatie, as in Alexandre, a Canadian diver who grabbed silver despite fracturing a foot and missing months of training.

E for 18, the number of medals for Canada, tying its third-best performance.

F for fiascos — two in taekwondo. Canadian medal hopeful Ivett Gondo protested her loss (unsuccessfully) because of what she considered unfair judging and Cuban Angel Matos kicked a judge in the face after he was disqualified.

G for gold medals. Canadians captured three — wrestler Carol Huynh, equestrian's Eric Lamaze and the men's eight rowing team.

H for Hickstead, the horse who carried Lamaze to gold, giving the 40-year-old Ontarian sweet redemption after a cocaine-checkered past.

I for Ian Millar, who, at 61, won his first medal by leading Canada to silver in team-jumping equestrian.

J for judges, who have outlived their usefulness in the Olympics.

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A Chinese policeman stands guard as fireworks explode over the National Stadium during yesterday's official closing ceremony for the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

K for Karen Cockburn, who garnered silver for Canada on the trampoline and carried the Canadian flag in the closing ceremonies.

L for Luan, as in Jujie, a legendary Chinese fencer who, at 50, represented Canada in her homeland.

M for money. Canadian athletes need more.

N for Nattrass, as in Susan, a legendary Canadian shooter who sadly struggled and, at 57, will retire.

O for Olympics. Are they clean again?

P for Phelps, as in Michael, the U.S. swimmer who won eight golds. These were his Games.

Q for question marks, which surround the ages of some of those cherub-faced Chinese gymnasts.

R for rowing, which Canada rules.

S for silver medals. Canada took nine.

T for terrible, as in the IOC's decision to dump women's softball.

U for Usain Bolt of Jamaica, history's greatest sprinter. Flashiest, too.

V for Vancouver, which will have a tough time matching Beijing's excellence in the 2010 Winter Olympics. Good luck.

W for world records — 43 in Beijing.

X for Xingfang Xie, a Chinese medallist. (Hey, it works.)

Y for Yes, I love women's beach volleyball!

Z for Zimbabwe swimmer Kirsty Coventry, winner of all four Zimbabwean medals.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Final medal count

Rank	Nation				Total
#1	U.S.	36	38	36	110
#2	China	51	21	28	100
#3	Russia	23	21	28	72
#4	Britain	19	13	15	47
#5	Australia	14	15	17	46
#6	Germany	16	10	15	41
#7	France	7	16	17	40
#8	South Korea	13	10	8	31
#9	Italy	8	10	10	28
#10	Ukraine	7	5	15	27
#11	Japan	9	6	10	25
#12	Cuba	2	11	11	24
#13	Belarus	4	5	10	19
#14	Spain	5	10	3	18
#14	Canada	3	9	6	18
#16	Netherlands	7	5	4	16
#17	Brazil	3	4	8	15
#18	Kenya	5	5	4	14
#19	Kazakhstan	2	4	7	13
#20	Jamaica	6	3	2	11
#21	Poland	3	6	1	10
#21	Hungary	3	5	2	10
#21	Norway	3	5	2	10

Canadians win fair share, but may be in tough for more

Canada hit the gas after a sluggish start in Beijing to produce one of the country's best performances at a Summer Olympiad.

But team officials say if the country aspires to have more than a bit part on the biggest sports stage on the planet, Canadians have to care more about their Olympians with their hearts and wallets.

Eighteen medals — three gold, nine silver, six bronze — ties Canada's second-best performance at a non-boycotted Games. The country collected 22 in Atlanta in 1996 and 18 four years prior in Barcelona.

Canada's best total was 44 in 1984, when a Soviet-led boycott of the Olympics weakened the field.

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Finishing tied for 14th with Spain in total medals among 204 countries meets the Canadian Olympic Committee's target of a top-16 result.

Top 12 is the goal for 2012 in London. The mood at the COC's closing news conference yesterday was upbeat, but Alex Baumann sounded a cold note on Canada's prospects four years from now.

The former swimming gold medallist, now head of the Road To Excellence initiative, decides which athletes deserve more money based on their performance.

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Canadian athletes had plenty of reason to celebrate at yesterday's closing ceremonies after collecting 18 total medals at the Beijing Games — eclipsing the 14 they won four years ago in Athens.

After conversations in Beijing with his equivalents from Australia, Britain and New Zealand, Baumann says top 12 in London isn't realistic at the current rate of funding for the Canadian team.

"The challenge for RTE is to maintain our position," Baumann said. "I do think Canada can get to the top 12 in 2012, but it's going to take a big effort. I do think there is a need for more investment."

As expected, the U.S. and host China took most of the medals off the table with 110 and 100, respectively. China led with 51 gold medals and was thus ranked No. 1 by the International Olympic Committee.

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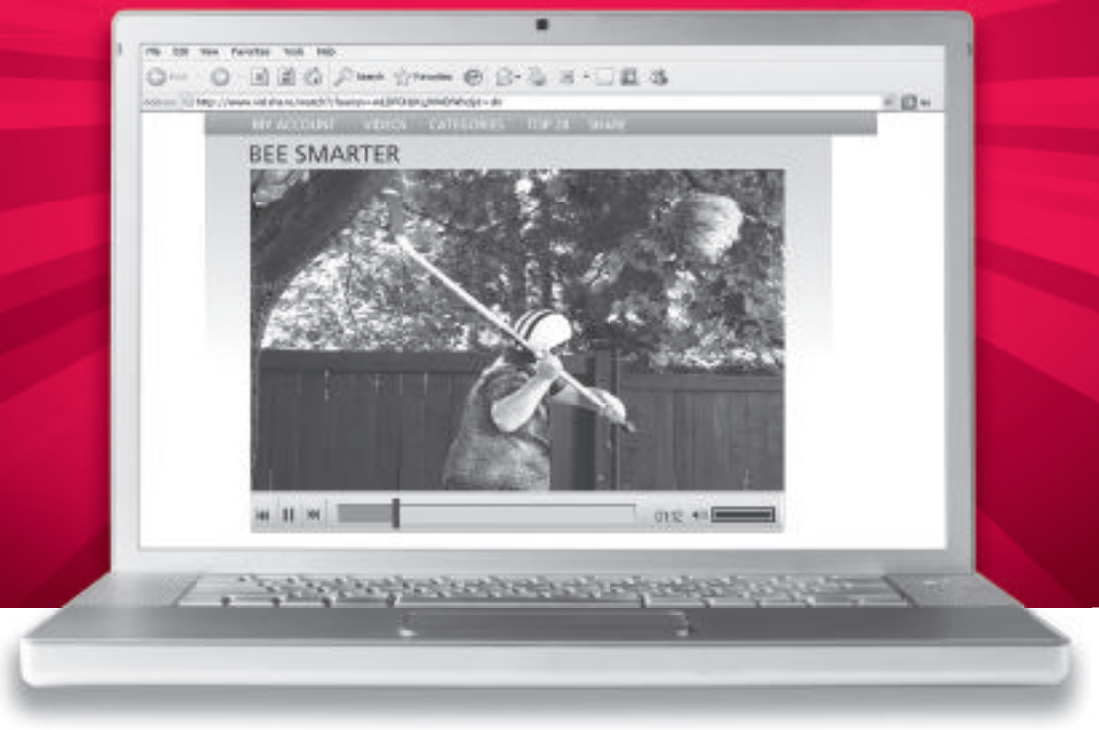

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Athletics

Samuel Wanjiru, left, pulled away over the final few miles yesterday to become the first Kenyan in the storied running history of that nation to win an Olympic marathon. Jaouad Gharib of Morocco won silver, while Ethiopian Tsegay Kebede took the bronze. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games

Sports in brief

GYMNASTICS The investigation goes on, and so does the wait, but the IOC indicated yesterday that a reshuffling of Olympic gymnastics medals isn't likely. International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said paperwork appears to support what China has been saying all along: That all six members of its gold medal women's gymnastics team were old enough to compete at the Beijing Games. Gymnastics officials were still poring over the documents submitted by the Chinese in response to a request for more information on the birthdates of He Kexin, Yang Yilin, Jiang Yuyuan, Deng Linlin, Cheng Fei and Li Shanshan.

VOLLEYBALL The United States men's volleyball team turned tragedy into triumph in Beijing by defeating defending champion Brazil 3-1 for the Olympic gold medal. The U.S. team went undefeated after coach Hugh McCutcheon's father-in-law was fatally stabbed in Beijing the day before competition started. McCutcheon missed the team's first three games to be with his family. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. basketball team members Dwight Howard, left, and Chris Bosh stand on the podium after defeating Spain in the gold-medal game yesterday at the Beijing Games.

Mission accomplished for U.S. 'Redeem Team'

Star-filled squad defeats Spain to win gold

The United States won the gold medal in Olympic men's basketball yesterday with a 118-107 victory over Spain.

Culminating a three-year mission to end years of embarrassment, the U.S. Olympic team survived a huge challenge from Spain.

After overwhelming everyone for seven games, the Americans led by only four points with less than 2 1/2 minutes to play, then proved they could handle the close game that seemed would never come in Beijing.

Their prize: The first U.S. gold medal since the 2000 Olympics.

"Much respect to Spain, but the U.S. is back on top again," LeBron James said.

Dwyane Wade scored 27 points for the Americans, who found a much gamer Spanish team than the one they humiliated by 37 points earlier in the tournament. Kobe Bryant added 20.

In a game so devoid of defence that it felt more like an NBA all-star game than one with a title at stake, the Americans had too much offence down the stretch. Bryant converted a clutch four-point play with 3:10 remaining, holding his finger to his lips to quiet the rowdy Spanish crowd behind the basket.

Wade added another three-pointer that made it 111-104 with just over two minutes left, and only then could the Americans relax a little.

They began to celebrate during a break after some technical fouls on Spain with 26 seconds left, then celebrated at midcourt when it was over with Born in the USA blaring over the arena's speakers.

"I'm proud of our guys. We played with great character in one of the great games in international basketball history, I think," U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

Nobody else had been close to the Americans in Beijing. This team's only Olympic competition had been history, in a Dream matchup with guys named Jordan, Magic, Bird and the rest of the U.S. team that dominated the Barcelona Games in 1992.

Forget comparisons to those guys. The Americans were lucky to be better than Spain yesterday.

Rudy Fernandez scored 22 points and Pau Gasol had 21 for the Spanish, the reigning world champions who were hoping to win their first Olympic gold.

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Going Green

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If the average Canadian household recycled a 90-centimetre stack of newspapers, it would save the equivalent of 14 per cent of its average household electricity bill, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

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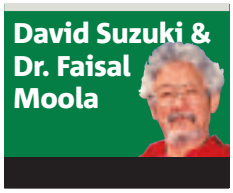
New science looks at big picture

Attempts to encompass both fundamental understanding, practical applications

ScienceMatters



If we want to protect an endangered animal such as the woodland caribou, we have to do more than just study the animal in isolation. We must understand how it interacts with its total environment, including its habitat and other animals, as well as humans.

We must then try to determine the best possible conditions for it to live in healthy numbers and study the threats that could undermine its persistence. It's no different with humans, except the problems we have created for ourselves — on a global scale — are even more complex.

Sometimes it seems that science is inadequate to address the myriad problems of pollution, global warming, population growth, biodiversity loss, changing ocean conditions, and so on.

Scientists don't always take a big-picture approach. Applied science, for example, is often focused on knowledge for a specific need or to solve a practical problem, such as the invention of a new technology. The science may delve into the mechanics of the technology with little regard for its social implications. Basic or "pure" science, on the other hand, is aimed at gaining an understanding of a phenomenon or process, sometimes without considering its practical application. While both areas are valuable to society, neither alone attempts to tackle that greatest of human experiments in its entirety: Our own survival!

"Sustainability science helps identify potential 'planetary boundaries' such as the world's available 'biocapacity' compared with humanity's collective 'ecological footprint.'"

A branch of science that has emerged over the past two decades is attempting to encompass both fundamental understanding and practical applications with a fascinating goal: To learn the degree to which humans are living in harmony with their environment and how they can continue to do so over the long term. Unlike many specialized scientific fields that might interest only a few people, this one ought to interest everyone.

Industrial society has had an enormous impact on natural ecosystems, to the point that very little of nature remains untrammelled by the human footprint. Sustainability science helps identify potential "planetary boundaries" such as the world's available "biocapacity" compared with humanity's collective "ecological footprint." In short, it helps us better understand the complex challenges we face.

This branch of science is gaining respect in academic circles worldwide, but it's such an important field that it should be part of science programs in all schools. In a world that is expected to reach a population of 10 billion, it's important for science to consider how we are to survive and live in harmony with the natural systems that we are a part of and, therefore, depend upon. It's a huge task that requires a broad vision. As more people — not just scientists — begin to understand the science and the complexity of the problems, and to design lasting solutions, we will start to see a brighter, more sustainable future.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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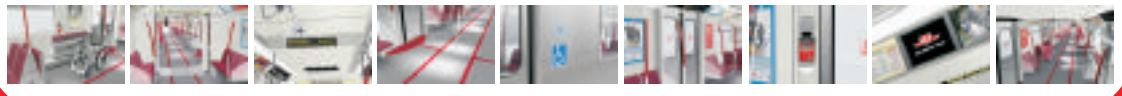

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Criminals cashing in on green trend

Organized criminals in Canada are going green, turning to environmental crime as an increasingly lucrative way of raising money.

A report released Friday by Criminal Intelligence Service Canada says crime networks have developed underground markets for electronic waste and scarce natural resources.

The annual survey of organized crime, compiled from local police reports across the country, indicates criminals are using such markets to complement traditional revenue sources, such as narcotics.

"Criminal networks can profit by collecting e-waste in developed countries such as Canada and selling it to 'recyclers' in developing nations," the CISC report reads.

"This practice is a violation of both Canadian and international law."

The report fails to place a dollar figure on the illegal trafficking and disposal of computers, televisions and cellphones. But it warns such activity will peak starting next year as new digital broadcast norms come into effect in Canada and the United States, rendering millions of TVs obsolete.

"One of the reasons organized crime has been as successful as it is, is that they're very adaptable and it's not like they've given up any of their traditional markets," said RCMP Commissioner William Elliott, who chairs CISC.

Asked to provide an idea of the scope of illegal e-waste, Elliott said: "If it wasn't lucrative, organized crime groups wouldn't be involved in it."

"We're realizing that in terms of sales of laptops and electronic devices to organized crime there is often damage to the environment and it's a national concern," said Robert Chartrand, a Montreal police investigator who heads Criminal Intelligence Service Quebec, one of CISC's provincial bureaus.

Often extremely toxic, much of Canada's e-waste ends up up in Asia and Africa, where it is mined for parts.

But the environmental threat represented by organized crime also extends to the country's natural resources. CISC notes that criminal networks have taken up illegal poaching and resource exploitation.

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Black-market recyclers

- The United Nations Environment Program estimates between 20 million and 50 million tons of e-waste is generated worldwide every year. On top of financing criminal networks, authorities are concerned about how black-market recyclers handle defunct electronics.

Climate conference makes progress

PLAN Delegates at a key United Nations climate conference in Ghana made headway Friday on a plan to encourage developing countries to regulate carbon emissions by focusing on their largest industries.

The emerging plan sidesteps objections from countries like India and China, which refuse to accept national targets for the overall emission of the greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

How to get developing countries to commit to reducing pollution levels has deeply divided countries seeking to craft a new climate change agreement to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012.

The meeting of 1,600 delegates and environmentalists from 160 countries was the third conference this year working on the accord, due to be adopted in Copenhagen in December 2009.

Under the Kyoto pact, only 37 industrial countries committed to meet specific targets.

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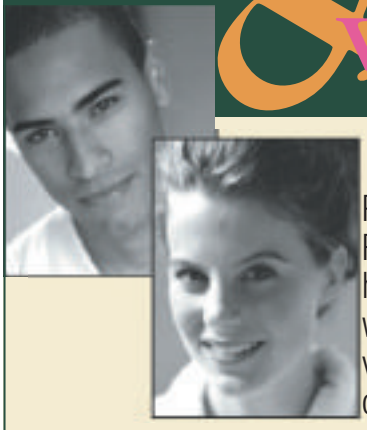

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Workology

Leading the way

Canada is leading the way in campus connectivity, according to PC World Canada. The publication cited the University of British Columbia's $30-million wired and wireless networking environment and the University of Toronto for its wireless infrastructure. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Mascot rule No. 1: No talking

Odd Jobs

Diane Peters

The first time Andrew Tite donned a mascot costume, he climbed into the contraption of wires and fabric wearing shorts and a T-shirt. "Aren't you going to take your clothes off first?" he was asked. Tite laughed.

A few hours later, he felt like someone had poured a bottle of liquid over him, he was so sweaty.

That was May 2007, and ever since Tite strips down to his underwear before transforming into a mascot.

The 27-year-old Vancouver resident is foremost an actor. He went briefly to George Brown College in Toronto for theatre, but dropped out since he was so busy doing television, film and theatre.

About a year and a half ago, while still living in Toronto, he found an ad for Acme Mascots on Craigslist. He called and soon went out for that first job, which was playing the green monster Victor, the Just for Laughs mascot, at an outdoor press conference.

Tite "danced around the street and acted like an idiot" and hammed it up for the cameras beside comic Russell Peters.

Tite was not only steaming inside the Victor costume, but he could only see out of the character's mouth.

Miraculously, he didn't fall over or crash into anything.

He followed the written instructions from Acme: Use large, exaggerated gestures; no talking; only get changed in a room with a closed door (you don't want a child seeing you by accident); and take a break every 15 minutes to cool off and hydrate.

Tite later started playing Airnest, a jester-like character for Air Transat. He got to hang out on the field at a Toronto Argos game last summer, but mainly spent time at the airport amusing kids while they waited in line-ups, first in Toronto and then Vancouver when he moved there last winter.

"I try to think of cartoons and how they'd act. I'm really good with kids naturally, I'm a bit of a kid at heart ... It's like any role. I take it seriously whether I'm getting paid $1,000 or I'm getting paid nothing. I try to give it my all."
Mascot performer Andrew Tite

He got in the habit of guzzling an energy drink before work to keep lively during late-night shifts. He learned to start playing rock, paper, scissors, or head and shoulders, and kids would follow along. He perfected his laughter, confusion and "I've got an idea" exaggerated gestures, and his chicken dance.

"I try to think of cartoons and how they'd act," he says. "I'm really good with kids naturally, I'm a bit of a kid at heart." He'd hose his costume down with Febreze between cleanings.

Some kids get excited when they see him and throw their arms around him. But little ones sometimes burst out crying and older boys often consider themselves too cool for such things and ignore him.

He's gotten a few rude gestures and twice needed staff at the airport to help out when kids started following him. He's never been hit.

Right now, he's not doing much mascot work, but it's on his resumé when he goes in for auditions.

Some casting directors sniff at it, but others consider it a legitimate acting job.

Tite agrees: "It's like any role. I take it seriously whether I'm getting paid $1,000 or I'm getting paid nothing. I try to give it my all."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Mascot performer

Salary: $17/hour

Education/training: Anyone can do it, but it helps to be an actor to really do a good job

Best Part of the Job: "The kids that love you and blow you kisses and laugh with you, they make you feel really good."

Worst Part of the Job: "The heat. It's like wearing a sauna for hours and hours."

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'I'm not a gambler by any means'

Toronto accountant earns spot at World Series of Poker final, but says he wouldn't leave his job

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Amateur poker player Darus Suharto didn't even pay to enter the World Series of Poker but now stands a chance to win it all.

The 39-year-old accountant from Toronto won a free entry in an online-tournament and fought his way through to the final table of nine players at the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, Nev., in July. The final table session will take place on Nov. 9-10 and the first-place prize is estimated at more than $9 million, with even the ninth-place finisher still taking home an estimated $900,000.

A self-described "average Joe" who is exceedingly careful with his personal finances, Suharto insists gambling is not in his blood at all — which makes his trip to the top of poker's ultimate event all the more surprising.

"I'm a very responsible person — I'm not a gambler by any means," Suharto said.

Suharto started playing online poker just three years ago after being introduced to it by a friend. Within a year of playing, Suharto won a free entry into the 2006 World Series of Poker, finishing in 448th place out of roughly 8,700 players. This year, Suharto got in only by winning his entry through PokerStars.net again — a testament to his cautious nature since a regular entry costs $10,000, a price Suharto says he would never pay to play.

Despite his poker success, Suharto says he could never leave accounting, a job he loves and has enjoyed for 13 years.

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> Darus Suharto

"I'm a recreational player. I don't think I could be a professional player. Poker is a lot of grinding and the swings are really big. When you become a professional player you take the enjoyment out of the game because then you have to win, you have to make money. I already have a job," Suharto said.

He says the skills he uses every day as an accountant help him in poker, not only in being able to make quick calculations but also in having to read people's intentions.

"You have to make a lot of tough decisions and in my job I deal with a lot of difficult situations. Sometimes when you negotiate, you have to make sure someone is telling you the truth and it's also about reading people, so I think that helps me at the poker table," he said.

At the table, Suharto is careful and tends to wait for premium hands but plays aggressively and with determination once he knows he has good cards.

Win or lose, Suharto says he has already set out what he hoped to do by playing poker — to have fun and pay off his debts.

"My goal playing poker was to pay off my mortgage. I don't have a mortgage anymore."

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Darus Suharto earned his way to the final table at the World Series of Poker through online gambling.

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The Avril show goes on in Malaysia
Avril Lavigne has been given permission to perform in Malaysia on Friday after all, despite being deemed too sexy by the government there last week. **NME.COM**

Entertainment

Dido is back
Dido will finally release her third album, Safe Trip Home, on Nov. 4. She's also giving away single Look No Further for free at didomusic.com.
E! NEWS ONLINE

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Madonna kicks off tour

Queen of pop gets Sticky and Sweet, courts controversy

Even at 50, the queen of pop just can't stop courting controversy.

As Madonna kicked off her international Sticky and Sweet tour Saturday night, she took a none-too subtle swipe at the presumptive Republican nominee for U.S. president.

Amid a four-act show at Cardiff's packed Millennium Stadium, a video interlude carried images of destruction, global warming, Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, Zimbabwe's authoritarian President Robert Mugabe — and U.S. Senator John McCain. Another sequence, shown later, pictured slain Beatle John Lennon, followed by climate activist Al Gore, Mahatma Gandhi and finally McCain's Democratic rival Barack Obama.

MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

Madonna performs in Cardiff, Wales, on Saturday night.

The rest of the show had the usual Madonna fixtures: Sequins, fishnets and bondage-style outfits drawn from the 3,500 items of clothing reported whipped together by 36 designers specifically for the tour. Dancers sauntered across stage in top hats and tail coats and Madonna tried her hand at break-dancing and pole-dancing. Some 40,000 fans — many in pink cowboy hats and boas — were treated to a heavy-metal version of Borderline, while La Isla Bonita served as backdrop for a flamenco routine. The show, billed as a musical mishmash of "gangsta pimp," Romanian folk, rave and dance, was an homage to Madonna's reinventions over the last three decades. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Weekend box office

1. Tropic Thunder: $16.1 million US; **2. House Bunny:** $15.1 million; **3. Death Race:** $12.3 million; **4. The Dark Knight:** $10.3 million; **5. Star Wars: The Clone Wars:** $5.7 million; **6. Pineapple Express:** $5.6 million; **7. Mirrors:** $4.9 million; **8. The Longshots:** $4.3 million; **9. Mamma Mia!:** $4.3 million; **10. The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor:** $4.1 million **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Celine rocks the Plains of Abraham

MUSIC Celine Dion rocked the cradle of French Quebec Friday night, shaking the Plains of Abraham with resounding music and illuminating the night sky with a brilliant light show. She was visibly moved and happy to be back in the provincial capital among her Quebec "family" after a nine-year absence. "Happy Birthday, Quebec! Are you ready?" Dion shouted before swinging into the first song of the evening at a concert marking Quebec City's 400th birthday.

From the outset, Dion noted the French-speaking Quebecois nation was born "here, where we are, 400 years ago." She said although the show was free, she wanted to make it unforgettable.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ashlee plans a foray into fashion

She's tackled the worlds of song, stage and screen and is now balancing her new marriage with impending motherhood but Ashlee Simpson has designs on taking on yet another job.

The pop star, who appeared on the TV series 7th Heaven and in the London stage production of Chicago, said she'd like to create her own clothing line. "Fashion is always something that's fun for me," Simpson said in an interview Saturday. "In the near future, I'll be designing my own clothes as well, so I'm looking forward to that."

Simpson said she has her own distinctive style but admits to being a fan of Deborah Harry's look. "She was definitely sexy but wasn't trying to be and I loved that," Simpson said of the Blondie singer.

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Singer Ashlee Simpson promotes her new clothing line at a Toronto-area Zellers store on Saturday.

The 23-year-old has already entered the design game, recently launching a collection of T-shirts for U.S. retailer Wet Seal.

And while she enjoys knitting, Simpson doesn't have immediate plans to craft baby booties for her new bundle of joy when he or she arrives in late fall. "I really like to do it (knitting) but I always kind of have a hole in it," she laughed. "I don't have anything made yet for my baby but maybe I will."

"In the near future, I'll be designing my own clothes as well, so I'm looking forward to that."

In the meantime, Simpson still has fashion on the front burner as she takes on the role as the face of a Canadian clothing line.

Simpson is the spokeswoman for the relaunched Request line, an affordable apparel brand comprising casual and dressy separates. She made an in-store appearance Saturday before throngs of screaming fans at a Zellers location west of Toronto, fielding questions onstage from Entertainment Tonight Canada host Rick Campanelli and the audience, which eagerly snapped photos of Simpson.

Prior to her appearance, Simpson looked relaxed with her red locks swept into a ponytail and baby bump visible under a loose-fitting black shirt from the Request line that she paired with a bright orange scarf with white print, leggings and towering heels.

Simpson said she and husband Pete Wentz have being doing lots of reading in preparation for their new arrival and she "can't wait" to be a mother. "It's going to be very exciting," said Simpson, who added her big sister, Jessica, is also looking forward to being aunt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rhys Ifans used his new band to get over his split from Sienna Miller. The actor, who broke up with the actress in June, admits his role as front man of Welsh 10-piece group The Peth has been a welcome escape since being dumped. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Mariah, Legend to headline Idol finale

Pop music superstars Mariah Carey and John Legend will headline a two-hour Canadian Idol season finale. CTV says Carey and Legend will perform on the results episode, airing live Sept. 10, along with Hedley, last year's Idol champ Brian Melo, and Idol mentor, R&B singer Jully Black.

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Pop stars Mariah Carey and John Legend.

And in a new twist, viewers will have to wait two days instead of one to find out who will be the next singing Idol, although they will still have to vote for their favourite within two hours of the performance episode.

The show's two finalists will compete in a final performance episode on Sept. 8. Four men are left in the competition — Mitch MacDonald, 22, of Port Hood, N.S.; Earl Stevenson, 23, of Lloydminster, Alta.; Theo Tams, 23, of Lethbridge, Alta.; and Drew Wright, 28, of Collingwood, Ont.

The Final Four will be mentored by legendary songstress Anne Murray, who performs in tomorrow's results episode along with American Idol winner Jordin Sparks. Bryan Adams mentors and then performs on Sept. 2 in the penultimate results episode. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Da Brat gets 3 years for assault

MUSIC The rapper Da Brat has been sentenced to three years in prison for hitting a nightclub hostess in the head with a bottle. The 34-year-old, a.k.a Shawntae Harris, pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Overcoming the urge to hide

BookPicks

Falling **Under**

Author: Danielle Younge-Ullman
Publisher: Plume
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Younge-Ullman's debut novel follows Mara Foster, an artist who spends her days putting paintbrush to canvas only to crank out geometric patterns best suited to Ikea kitchens. The product of a volatile marriage and forced to grow up fast, Mara barricades herself in her Toronto home, only venturing out when coaxed by her adventurous best friend. But when a chance meeting brings newfound stability to her life, Mara may have to stop hiding from what has hurt her. The story is occasionally weighed down by melodramatic plot twists, but is otherwise a satisfying account of coping with guilt and understanding love.

Ashley Petkovski/for Metro Canada

The Thrall's **Tale**

Author: Judith Lindbergh
Publisher: Plume

The Thrall's Tale is a meticulously researched and vividly, if somewhat excessively, detailed story set during the 10th-century settling of Greenland. The novel follows Katla after she is assaulted by her master's son and taken in by Thorbjorg, a Norse prophet who imparts her mystic abilities to Katla's unwanted daughter. But her child also develops unexpected talents to hurt, resulting from a mean streak inherited from her father and a resentful relationship with her mother.

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Grotesque, endearing and burning with authenticity, Broken is narrated by Skunk, a scrappy teen from a poor English neighbourhood. Skunk lives next to the atrocious Oswalds, a family that thrives on chaos. When one of the Oswald daughters accuses a naïve neighbour, Rick Buckley, of rape, he's viciously beaten by the girls' father and arrested and humiliated by the police. Although Buckley is cleared, he withdraws completely. Soon, the Oswalds target Skunk, catalyzing a plot that plays with ideas of justice, love and loyalty before reaching a disturbing conclusion.

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UNWATCHED: Frazier Moore is the syndicated TV columnist for the Associated Press and he recently felt moved to wonder why so few of the actors he's interviewed over the years would admit to actually spending time with the medium that employed them. Moore admitted up front that he had no statistical basis for what he confessed is based on nothing more than a hunch.

"Let me stress the not-at-all-scientific nature of this poll," Moore wrote in a piece published last week in the New York Times. "... But over time I started to realize (and marvel) that, out of everyone who did address the issue with me, fewer than a dozen of them copped to being TV fans."

Most of them, Moore recalls, made the usual excuses — too busy, no time, crazy hours — that we make to friends and family we don't want to spend time with. Occasionally, they'd make exceptions for the acceptable benchmark of current TV tastefulness (The Office, The Sopranos) or a guilty but redeemable pleasure (Project Runway, The Amazing Race.) Still, Moore says the impression he's gotten from his celebrity subjects is that "watching TV is akin to slumming; off-puttingly exotic; or, unaccountably, none of their business."

When I tell people that I write a TV column, they either tell me that it must be nice to watch TV all day and get paid for it (I don't, and it isn't) or wonder where I get the time to watch all those shows.

The short answer to the latter is that I don't; in fact, I try to watch as little TV as possible but I still watch a fair amount of the stuff; I just don't make a point of seeing every episode of Two And A Half Men or Lost, and don't imagine that I'm obliged to in order to do this job.

Moore could only name three adamant exceptions to the low-key celebrity boycott of the small screen — Office creator Ricky Gervais, Seth Green of Buffy and Robot Chicken fame, and Mad Men star Jon Hamm, who described his relationship to television in terms almost identical to my own: "I've loved television since I was old enough to reach the dial," Hamm told Moore. "Television is meaningful to me. It's frustrating and fascinating, all at the same time."

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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How I Met Your Mother
Of course Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) has a copy of the "bro code" in book form. In this episode, he's racked with guilt for breaking the first rule — no sex with a bro's ex — by sleeping with Robin (Cobie Smulders). Despite Barney's best efforts, which include an attempted trip to Vegas for his 30th birthday, Ted (Josh Radnor) finds out and tries to be cool with it, but that doesn't last long. Alyson Hannigan also stars in "The Goat." 8:30 PM on CBS

The Big Bang Theory
Who's more ferocious, a Bengal tiger or an army ant? That's one of the hot topics of this episode, which finds the guys preparing for the Physics Bowl. But when Sheldon's (Jim Parsons) attitude gets to be too much, he's replaced with Leslie (Sara Gilbert). 8 PM on CTV on CBS

America's Toughest Jobs
This new series marries two currently hot television concepts: the job-from-Hades documentary series and the competitive reality show. 9 PM on ACH-B

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Daddy's little girl
My Name Is Earl star Jason Lee and his girlfriend, Ceren Alkac, are the parents of a girl. The baby was born Aug. 10, a rep for Lee says. No other details were announced. PEOPLE.COM

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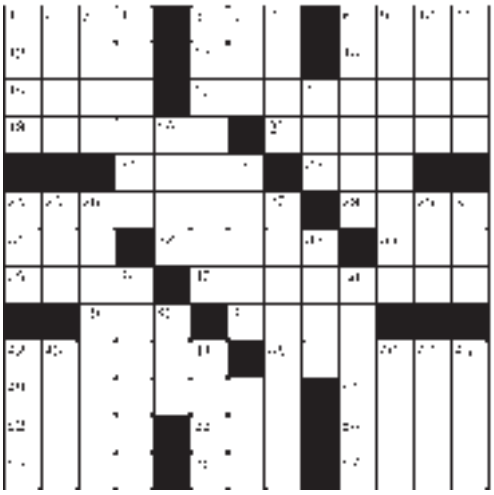

Crossword down

1 Grand story
2 Lotion additive
3 R.I. neighbor
4 Mint often used as an herb
5 Re Plato's teacher
6 Commotion
7 Showroom sample
8 Jinx
9 Wealth
10 Poison
11 Automaker Ransom Eli —
17 Legume holder
19 Piece of work
22 Biblical king
24 Scoundrel
25 Sapporo sash
26 Messieurs' counterparts
27 String around your finger
29 Barracks bed
30 Ram's mate
33 Agile
36 Rug
38 Slot-machine fruits
40 Mai — (cocktail)
42 Con job
43 Pop flavour
44 Mediocre
46 Whodunit blueprint
47 Apiary structure
48 Daytime drama
50 Prior night

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Crossword across

1 Apiece
5 Despondent
8 Vagrant
12 Sly tactic
13 Praise in verse
14 October birthstone
15 Charged particles
16 Walled-in group of buildings
18 Use a seven-second delay, e.g.
20 Scads
21 Brilliant-hued fish
23 Female deer
24 UNIVAC, for one
28 Formerly
31 Honest politician
32 Paddock papas
34 Intimidate
35 Platter
37 Entire
39 Opposite of "dis"
41 Tragic
42 Beetle talisman
45 Mythical maidens
49 Collected into a volume
51 Hodgepodge
52 Sheltered
53 "Hail, Caesar!"
54 PBS science show
55 Sail support
56 That woman
57 Dance lesson

previous day's answer

Horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An ally seems to have evil intentions. Treatment for a painful injury will delay plans. A peculiar object is a conversation piece.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A tempest will dissolve with minor damage. A problem with power will be repaired. Be discrete when making arrangements.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Try to stay out of difficult situations. Insincerity reveals a hidden agenda. Someone will be in trouble for a loss of creativity.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Big money can be made at an unexpected event. An attractive person will be helpful. An agreement is reached at the end of the day.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Be prepared to stand your ground. A friend's affectionate remark will give you joy. Concealing a discovery will guide you to freedom.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A man is becoming uncomfortably demanding. Your kindness will benefit a humble person. A marital conflict will affect your goals.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A clever man will apologize. You should make a correction to your course. Don't take advantage of a coward.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Anticipate an unpredictable event involving a leader. The wrong person offers a strange opportunity. Relax tonight to avoid illness.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Think hard before putting stock in a visionary. A trickster will make a scary remark. Don't complain if you're dissatisfied.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Do not let dreadful things get the better of you. A man will be more helpful. An arrival will create an angry debate.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't try to do too much at once. Somebody's hypocrisy during a crisis is shocking. A conflict between lovers will end well.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't try to force a compromise about co-operation. Enthusiastic actions will backfire. It's time to cast off your anxiety.

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AUG. 25, 1894: Shibasaburo Kitasato discovers the infectious agent of the bubonic plague and publishes his findings in The Lancet.
AUG. 25, 1945: Ten days after World War II ended with Japan announcing its surrender, armed supporters of the Communist Party of China kill Baptist missionary John Birch, regarded by a portion of the American right as the first victim of the Cold War.
AUG. 25, 1950: President Harry Truman orders the U.S. Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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Under 13. . . . . Genius
13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising
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Temperature
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High: 25.9°
Low: 13.4°
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Low: 2.8°/1942
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Son for Stefani, Rossdale

Gwen Stefani and her rocker husband Gavin Rossdale welcomed their second child, a son, on Thursday in Los Angeles. Zuma Nesta Rock Rossdale weighed in at 8.5 pounds. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Green, Ryder may be an item

COUPLES Winona Ryder is reportedly dating comedian Tom Green, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who is said to have split from Rilo Kiley rocker Blake Sennett just a few weeks ago, was seen cuddling Tom in Hollywood's Crown Bar last week. Friends claim Ryder is already smitten with the Canadian funnyman after the pair hit it off.

"Winona didn't waste any time," a source said.

Green was previously married to Drew Barrymore, while Ryder has dated a string of actors, including Johnny Depp, Christian Slater, David Duchovny and rocker Dave Grohl.

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More trouble for Mills

PEOPLE Sir Paul McCartney's ex-wife Heather Mills is facing legal action from a local council in England over her failure to remove a large marquee from her garden, imdb.com reports.

The former model is believed to have erected the tent at her $6.4-million US home in East Sussex, England, for her 40th birthday party in January.

But the structure has remained in place ever since, prompting local residents to lodge objections with government officials.

The district council ruled in favour of her neighbours and signed an enforcement order in May in a bid to force Mills to take down the marquee, but the tent has yet to be removed. And now officials have sent Mills a deadline to get rid of it — or they will take her to court.

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Rihanna sacks manager

PEOPLE Rihanna reportedly fired her business manager after discovering she only has $20,000 US left in her bank account, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Patricia Williams claims she was recently "let go" after Rihanna accused her of stealing after discovering her pop fortune has all but disappeared.

Williams said: "It's not my fault that she only has $20,000 to her name. I have worked for many high-profile actors, musicians and multimillion-dollar corporations.

"Why would I steal from Rihanna?

"I showed her all the paperwork and tried to explain to her the circumstances but she wouldn't listen. She called me all sorts of horrible names and stormed off."

Williams claims the 20-year-old singer's record label Def Jam and her manger Marc Jordan are to blame for her financial problems.

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Hewitt nuptials on hold

PEOPLE Jennifer Love Hewitt has reportedly delayed her wedding, femalefirst.co.uk reports. It has been claimed the actress and her fiancé Ross McCall decided to postpone the nuptials following a rocky patch caused by the amount of time they have spent apart.

"Things aren't great between them. It's hard because he's filming in New Mexico and she's in Los Angeles," a friend of Love Hewitt said.

"The relationship is strained and their wedding won't happen anytime soon." The couple got engaged in November.

Love Hewitt ruled out a summer wedding saying didn't want to be "a sweaty bride," and revealed she was looking forward to a "small, private, romantic and wonderful" ceremony.

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celebrity brief

No nanny for McConaughey's boy

PARENTING Matthew McConaughey is reportedly refusing to hire a nanny for his newborn son Levi, imdb.com reports.

The actor, who welcomed his first child with Camila Alves last month, is said to be determined to raise his son without any outside help.

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Knightley defends Di ads

CONTROVERSY Keira Knightley has defended her new movie The Duchess after images of the late Princess Diana were included in the trailer, imdb.com reports. In the movie, Knightley plays Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, a distant relation of Diana. The promo for The Duchess sparked outrage by showing pictures of the late Princess and emphasizing the link between the lead character and her modern-day descendant. Says Knightley, "I am Georgiana. I am not Diana. The film is not about Diana."

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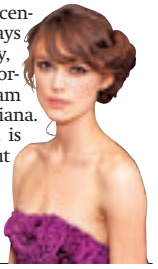

Fitness key to joy, Smith says

PEOPLE Will Smith thinks being physically fit is the key to happiness, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

"I feel like everything in my life depends on physical conditioning. I love eating sweets and everything, but I think the quality of my parenting, the quality of my relationship with my wife — it is all based on being in great physical condition."

Meanwhile, Smith is set to star in a prequel to I Am Legend.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So **Matthew McConaughey** says there will be no nanny for his new son Levi, and that he wants to raise his child without any outside help. This makes me seriously consider looking up the phone number for child services in Texas.

There's already been word McConaughey took the infant to a **John Mellencamp** concert. I guess he wants Levi's first words to be something like, "This blows!"

Anyway, I'm hoping McConaughey will reconsider his rejection of outside help and read the following short list for fathering tips, which I've thoughtfully rendered in McConaughese:

"Dude! It's totally cool that he has no teeth for the first little while. You don't have to take him to a baby dentist.

"Compadre, I know how much you want to help, but please don't try to breast-feed the kid, it's just going to be frustrating for both of you.

"Brother man, I know how much you want him to be just like daddy, but the decision to go shirtless in inappropriate places is one he should make for himself when he's older. Plus they make a lot of really rad shirts for little dudes to wear. And one last thing, broseph: Don't let **Owen Wilson** get confused and smoke the stuff Levi leaves in his diaper."

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Moss denies ever being anorexic

Supermodel Kate Moss has denied claims she suffered from anorexia, insisting she just didn't have time to eat. "I remember standing up in the bath one day, and there was a mirror in front of me, and I was so thin! I hated it," Moss says. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Mel C. reveals she's pregnant

MOTHERHOOD Former Spice Girls star Melanie Chisholm is reportedly pregnant with her first child, imdb.com reports.

The singer and her partner of six years, Thomas Starr, are said to be "delighted" with the news.

Chisholm, 34, sparked rumours she was expecting on Friday, after she appeared to be hiding a baby bump under a flowing dress when paparazzi caught her out and about.

"Melanie is over the moon at the prospect of becoming a mum for the first time," a source tells British newspaper the Daily Mirror.

The pop star recently revealed she was keen to start a family.

"I'd really like to be a mum one day," she said. "My mum looks forward to having grandchildren."

She's the last of the Spice Girls to fall pregnant — Melanie Brown has two daughters, Posh Spice Victoria Beckham has three sons with soccer stud David Beckham and Geri Halliwell and Emma Bunton each have one child.

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Miley sick of being stressed

PEOPLE Teen sensation Miley Cyrus is determined to make the rest of this year as stress-free as possible, insisting she is sick of worrying, imdb.com reports.

The 15-year-old Hannah Montana star has endured numerous scandals in the last few months, most notably the controversy over her semi-naked photoshoot for Vanity Fair magazine, which caused an uproar in June.

Cyrus has also been at the centre of another picture scandal — when an Internet hacker allegedly accessed her cellphone and downloaded saucy snaps of the singer/actress.

But the teenager is adamant that even if life doesn't go smoothly, she's not going to spend her time worrying about it.

"This year, one of my goals is not to stress — just kind of let life come as it is," she tells Radio Disney.

"I'm going to try and do that a little more. Just take things step by step instead of always having a plan."

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The Bachelor goes dateless

TELEVISION Jason Mesnick, the new star of The Bachelor, admits he hasn't been on a date since DeAnna Pappas rejected his proposal on The Bachelorette, thehollywoodgossip.com reports. "I haven't dated at all since DeAnna," the single father tells Us Weekly. "I wanted to give myself time to heal so that when I got out there again I'd be ready to give whoever I am with the respect and attention she deserves." But Mesnick, the 32-year-old single dad from Seattle, is looking forward to the opportunity to find love on the 13th season of The Bachelor.

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Radcliffe says he's a lucky man

PEOPLE Daniel Radcliffe claims his success is due to "dumb luck," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor shot to fame at the age of 11 after winning the role of Harry Potter in the movie versions of J.K. Rowling's children's books, but insists his success is down to a combination of good fortune and hard work. "I got where I am by dumb luck," he said. "You only deserve what you have if you work hard. I know most actors hoped for a job, and then found themselves between jobs. For me, it was a great job at 11. I'm a person who got lucky very young, but I was brought up with a work ethic — show up on time, work hard and do your lines."

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Actor Efron lauds girlfriend Hudgens

PEOPLE Zac Efron says girlfriend Vanessa Hudgens "outshines" all other women, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old actor — who has been dating Hudgens since they starred alongside each other in 2006 movie High School Musical — immediately knew Hudgens was the one for him.

"Vanessa caught my eye straight away," he said. "She simply outshines all other girls because of her strong personality. I don't know if I believe in love at first sight, but I do believe in two people having chemistry straight away. I don't know what it was with Vanessa but we kind of clicked from the very beginning. She is not just a lovely girl, she is also a sexy and desirable woman!"

Efron also revealed one of the most attractive things about Vanessa is her sense of humour.

"Vanessa is just a wonderful person. I can laugh and talk with her and, most of all, we have loads of fun!" he added.

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Kattan separates from wife

SPLITSVILLE Former Saturday Night Live star Chris Kattan filed for legal separation from his wife of less than two months, model Sunshine Tutt, according to court papers. Kattan, 37, and Tutt, 31, were married June 28, People.com reports. Papers filed Thursday by Kattan in L.A. Superior Court say the pair separated on Aug. 10 due to "irreconcilable differences." The former couple also have a prenuptial agreement, the papers say. The legal filling comes three days after Kattan's rep announced the split, saying the pair had "no plans for a divorce at this time."

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Dunst wants in on Spider-Man 4

MOVIES Kirsten Dunst wants to star in Spider-Man 4, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The actress is prepared to reprise her role if director Sam Raimi and her co-star Tobey Maguire agree to another instalment. She said: "I feel as though the third film is the end of a chapter for the Spider-Man franchise but I'm willing to explore a fourth one if Sam and Tobey are on board."

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